

Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

At

Burrillville Middle School

Room 122

2200 Broncos Highway

Harrisville, RI

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at Burrillville Middle School, Room 122, 2200 Broncos Highway, Harrisville, RI , on **Wednesday, September 13, 2006**. The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Dr. Cirillo, Dr. Dellith, Mr. Holland, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Macera, Dr. Morelle, Mr. Nasif, Dr. Ottaviano, and Mr. Welford, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director and Craig Enos, Business Manager. Guest: Attorney Benjamin Scungio and Mr. Donald W. Holder, Assistant Superintendent, Smithfield.

Routine Matters:

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to approve Item 1, which was moved by Mr. Lindberg and seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of August 15, 2006

Moved: Mr. Lindberg

Approved:

Dr. Cirillo

Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Dellith

Mr. Holland

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Mr. Nasif

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Welford

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to approve Item 2, which was moved by Dr. Dellith and seconded by Dr. Morelle, carried by all.

2.0 Bills for the month of August, 2006

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved:

Dr. Cirillo

Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Dr. Dellith

Mr. Holland

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Mr. Nasif

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Communications and Reports:

Nothing to report.

Appointments:

4.0 Appointment of Kimberly Regan, Behavioral Specialist

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the appointment of Kimberly Regan as Behavioral Specialist. A motion was made by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Mr. Holland
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

5.0 Appointment of Timothy Tokarski, Behavioral Specialist

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the appointment of Timothy Tokarski as Behavioral Specialist. A motion was made by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Mr. Nasif, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Mr. Nasif

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Mr. Holland
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #8 out of order:

8.0 Southern Regional Board Leadership Workshops

The Executive Director welcomed Dr. Donald Holder, Assistant Superintendent, Smithfield, to the meeting to present information on SREB Leadership Workshops.

Dr. Holder distributed information to the Board on the SREB Leadership Curriculum Modules and gave an overview of the proposed training for Superintendents and Principals. The program is currently being utilized in Smithfield.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of Smithfield's trainers providing professional development training to district staff through the Collaborative, who would participate in the training, and when would the training take place.

After discussion, Dr. Dellith motioned to support the program, determine a timetable, and develop a roll out plan. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macera and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Cirillo

Seconded: Dr. Macera

Dr. Dellith

Mr. Holland

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Mr. Nasif

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Welford

Dr. Holder left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Old Business:

6.0 High School Principal Reform Training

The Executive Director continued discussion on this item from the previous meeting on the opportunities for High School Principal Reform Training.

Mr. Stephen Lindberg reported that he will distribute a questionnaire with proposed topics within the next two weeks. Discussion followed regarding implementing the program at the end of October.

New Business:

7.0 Teacher Assistant Training / Professional Development

The Executive Director reported on several professional development training opportunities through RIDE for Teacher Assistants. Mr. MacDonnell clarified that the trainings for those Teacher Assistants Who Work with Students with Speech/Language Impairments and for those Who Work with Students with Behaviors that Interfere with Learning and/or Relationships had a \$25.00 fee. Mr. MacDonnell will contact the Teacher Assistant Network to correct the distribution flyer. Districts will not pay the \$25.00 fee.

9.0 LEA Student Withdrawals

The Executive Director reported on the impact of recent student withdrawals. Mr. MacDonnell advised that since the budget was developed, 13 students were withdrawn that were not anticipated and six students withdrew since the beginning of school. Mr. MacDonnell asked the Board's assistance in letting us know when districts anticipate student withdrawals.

Discussion took place regarding the high costs of the Severe/Profound Program, the development of new strategies, the possibility of diversifying the mission statement of the Collaborative with more of a focus on professional development.

Mr. Lindberg suggested that the direction of the Collaborative be added to the agenda for discussion in October.

10.0 Termination/Layoff Hearings

Program Coordinators

Mary Ellen Dubuc

Martha Perkins

Jane Signorelli-Slade

Executive Session: - Closed session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) 1&2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

At this time, Mr. O'Brien, Chairman, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Dr. Dellith. An individual vote was taken and the motion was carried by all. The closed session ended at 2:23 p.m.

Informational Matters:

11.0 Teacher Assistant Network Session

The Executive Director provided information on the next RIDE Teacher Assistant Network Session in October 2006.

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Mr. Holland
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chair